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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

December 4, 2003

Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2003. A petition for a three-month extension of the period for responding to the Action and the required extension fee are being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend the application as directed below and consider the remarks that follow.